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SUBJECT: ECOSOC: COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL -
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1. SUMMARY. COMMITTEE CONCLUDED ITS MEETING FRIDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 8 IN SESSION LASTING MORE THAN FOUR HOURS AND ADOPTED REPORT (E/ C.9/ L.6) TO BE TRANSMITTED TO ECOSOC. AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE NEW LANGUAGE INTO SUMMARY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION OF REPORT AND PROPOSAL BY SOVIET TO DELETE MOST OF NARRATIVE AND REFER INSTEAD TO SUMMARY RECORDS, COMMITTEE, BY THEN UNDER GREAT TIME PRESSURE, AGREED TO ALLOW RAPPORTEUR TO INCORPORATE SUGGESTED CHANGES TO REFLECT VIEWS EXPRESSED. REPORT WILL INCORPORATE ACTUAL TEXT OF WORKING PAPER NO. 1, WHICH IS AMENDED VERSION OF GROUP OF 77 DOCUMENT L.4. ALSO ATTACHED TO REPORT WILL BE OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, NOTABLY L.4 AND L.5 (U. S. PROPOSAL). BOTH CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEUR STRESSED THAT WHILE WORKING PAPER WOULD BE CONSIDERED BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT ECOSOC, NO COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF ANY DELEGATION WOULD BE IMPLIED
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EITHER TO THE WORKING PAPER OR THE OTHER DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED. THE EFFECT OF THIS PROCEDURE IS TO FORWARD TO ECOSOC ESSENTIALLY AN UNAGREED REPORT AND WORKING PAPER REFLECTING POSITION OF GROUP OF 77. END SUMMARY.

2. CHAIRMAN (NAIK) OPENED FINAL SESSION WITH CONCILIATORY AND BALANCED STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING EXPERIMENTAL NATURE OF THIS INITIAL EXPERIENCE IN REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AND ADMITTING THAT ITS PURPOSE WAS TO DRAFT A POLITICAL DECLARATION. HE NOTED THAT DEVELOPMENT HAS LOST MOMENTUM SINCE BEGINNING OF SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, WHICH MUST BE REVIVED. HE GAVE CREDIT TO EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF BOTH DC' S AND LDC' S BUT OBSERVED THAT MUCH MORE NEEDED TO BE DONE AND REFERRED BRIEFLY TO SUCH ISSUES AS MULTI-LATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, SDR LINK, INCREASED DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND SOFTER TERMS TO COUNTERACT ALARMING INCREASES IN DEBT. HE SUGGESTED THAT COMMITTEE RECOMMEND WORKING PAPER NO. 1 TO ECOSOC AS BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION, AGAIN STRESSING THAT NO ONE COMMITTED TO CONTENT OF WORKING PAPER.

3. SEVERAL SPEAKERS, INCLUDING EGYPT, U. K., PERU, ITALY, JAPAN, MEXICO, AND NIGERIA MADE BASICALLY POSITIVE STATEMENTS ABOUT COMMITTEE' S WORK AND ATTRIBUTED LACK OF CONSENSUS TO INSUFFICIENT TIME TO RESOLVE REMAINING PROBLEMS. COMMITTEE APPROVED PROPOSAL THAT CHAIRMAN' S STATEMENT BE INCORPORATED INTO REPORT TO ECOSOC.

4. DISCUSSION OF WORKING PAPER NO. 1 FOLLOWED WITH SEVERAL COUNTRIES, MOST NOTABLY FRANCE AND USSR, ATTEMPTING TO INTRODUCE CHANGES. U. S., FRANCE, JAPAN AND ITALY EXPRESSED DIFFICULTIES WITH ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO WORKING PAPER (SECTION III) WHICH CONCERNED WITH MEASURES BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. SPECIFICALLY, FRANCE OBJECTED TO PARAGRAPHS 50 AND 51 ON GROUNDS THAT INTERNATIONAL MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS NOT THE BUSINESS OF R& A COMMITTEE OR ECOSOC. FRANCE, HOWEVER, ENDORSED PARAGRAPH 47 ON DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUGGESTED THAT ECOSOC SHOULD CONSIDER ADDING A NEW SECTION WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BECOME III. C. ON MEASURES BY INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

5. SOVIET DEL MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ABOUT WORKING PAPER NO. 1 AND REPEATED POINT MADE PREVIOUS DAY THAT INTERNATIONAL DETENTE SHOULD NOT BE EXPRESSED AS NEGATIVE FACTOR FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SAID SECTION ON DISARMAMENT (PARAS 6 AND 7) WAS INSUFFICIENT AND FAILED TO MAKE POINT THAT DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE OBJECTIVE FOR ALL COUNTRIES, NOT JUST GREAT POWERS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE FOR EARLY CONVENING OF WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT. SOVIET ALSO OBSERVED THAT WORKING PAPER FAILED TO DISCUSS NEGATIVE IMPACT OF FOREIGN MONOPOLIES ON

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND FACT THAT FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT PREVENTS LDC' S FROM ACHIEVING ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. HE REPEATED FAMILIAR SOVIET POINT THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES REFUSE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR BACKWARDNESS OF LDC' S WHICH ARE VICTIMS OF COLONIAL EXPLOITATION.

6. U. S. MADE STATEMENT STRESSING EXPERIMENTAL NATURE OF R& A WORK AND VALUE OF SELF- CRITICISM. WE MADE POINT THAT COMMITTEE SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENT DESIGNED TO GAIN SUPPORT IN ALL OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES FOR MEASURES TO SPEED DEVELOPMENT.

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7. COMMITTEE DISCUSSED ADOPTION OF REPORT TO ECOSOC AS FINAL AGENDA ITEM. FIRST SECTION ON ORGANIZATION OF SESSION AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT. SECTION II. A., WHICH ATTEMPTED TO SUMMARIZE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF LAST THREE WEEKS, WAS TARGET OF CRITICISM BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS FOR FAILURE TO INCLUDE ISSUES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THOSE DELEGATIONS. RAPPORTEUR (BRITO) SUGGESTED SEVERAL MINOR ADDITIONS BUT SOVIET DELEGATE PROPOSED PARAS 9 THROUGH 14 BE DELETED AND REPLACED BY REFERENCE TO SUMMARY REPORTS. EGYPT REQUESTED STATEMENT BE ADDED TO PARAGRAPH 9 REGARDING ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES BELONGING TO THREE MEMBER COUNTRIES, THUS PREVENTING ACCESS TO THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES. FRANCE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO LEAV IN PARAS 9 TO 14 WITH ADDITIONS SUGGESTED BY RAPPORTEUR AND RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM

SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF URGENT TIME LIMITATIONS, OTHERS SIDED WITH SOVIETS ON REMOVAL OF PARAS 9 TO 14 AS QUICKEST SOLUTION. IN VIEW OF IMPASSE, SOVIET SUGGESTED LEAVING CHANGES TO RAPPORTEUR, WHICH WAS AGREED.

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8. PARA 20 (NOW RENUMBERED 21) WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE REFERENCE NOT ONLY TO WORKING PAPER AS BASIS FOR ECOSOC CONSULTATION BUT ALSO THAT " ALL PROPOSALS AND DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE" WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.
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